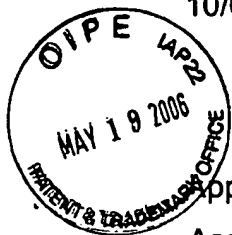


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on March 23, 2006, please replace/substitute the following claims as indicated.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

IT IS OK TO ENTER ,

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